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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a center region, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface;  
said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material;  
wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of raised portions;  
each of said raised portions comprising a length dimension and a width dimension;  
wherein said width dimension varies as measured along said length dimension; and  
wherein said raised portions are unevenly spaced.
2. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the largest width dimension is located in said insertion end.
3. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the largest width dimension is located in said withdrawal end.
4. (Original): The tampon according Claim 1 wherein the smallest width dimension is located in said center region.
5. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said width dimension varies continuously as measured along said length dimension.
6. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said width dimension varies intermittently as measured along said length dimension.
7. (Cancelled)

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8. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross-section of the tampon.
9. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.
10. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.
11. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.
12. (Original): The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.